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Do not forget the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

which will be held on January 28, 1961, at 5.30 p.m. in the Caxton Hall, St. James, London. There was only one nomination to fill each of the vacant places of Officers and Members of the Council. Therefore there will be no

POSTAL BALLOT

and the election will take place at the AGM — Though all members of the Union may attend the AGM, only Full Individual Members and Full Members of clubs are entitled to speak and vote at a General Meeting. Therefore make sure that your name is on the

NOMINAL ROLL

by asking your club secretary whether he has sent in the club's Return of Membership and Roll of Members (with their addresses) — The Union will mark the

SILVER JUBILEE

with a number of special events. Make a note of the following dates: On March 18 there will be a BCU Dinner. During the fortnight August 13—26 an international Canoe Cruise will be organised on Wye and Thames, to be followed by a Jubilee LD Race on the Thames on August 27 —with international participation

AT THE END OF THE QUEUE ?

Recent years have seen an almost explosive growth in the popularity of canoeing. The number of canoes built in schools and youth organisations is increasing at a fantastic rate.

Encouraging as this development is, it also gives a feeling of apprehension. We simply have not enough leaders, instructors and clubs, and where there are clubs they lack proper facilities. As the number of canoe enthusiasts snowballs, the problem becomes increasingly serious: a growing number of newcomers to the sport is in danger to be left without proper instruction and training—with all the consequences which the resulting lack of knowledge and experience implies.

The Union is dealing with the development as best as our meager resources allow. We have built up the framework of a National Youth Organisation. Courses to train coaches are being held. The proposal which will come up at the AGM to create a special form of membership to bring school canoe associations within the framework of the Union and the scheme for the formation of a Corps of Canoe Life Guards are other attempts to deal with the problem. However—the Union cannot do this important job without help.

Our hopes for financial support from the government rose when the Albemarle Report on Youth Service was published in February. In September the Wolfenden Committee on Sport, sponsored by the CCPR, proposed the creation of a Sport Development Council which would receive £5 million in the first year from the Exchequer. Today, even before the Report has reached the government, there are signs indicating that its recommendations are to be still-born or at the best severely curtailed. All political activities in their election programme. Must it happen again that every time there is a squeeze it is applied to schemes for the recreational facilities and youth services of the nation? Why must we always take the end of the queue?

Annual Report of the Council 1960

I. LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

	<i>Club</i>	<i>Retires</i>
<i>President:</i>		
J. W. Dudderidge	CCC, RCC, HSCC, Rich.CC.	This year
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>		
R. W. Baker	CCC, KTC.	Next year
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>		
M. E. McPherson	Ind.BCU.	This year
<i>Council Members:</i>		
J. A. Bright	OFC.	This year
O. J. Cock	CCC, RCC, CPCC.	This year
R. W. Emes	BCC.	Next year
M. Gillies	SCA, CCC.	This year
Lt.-Col. I. F. G. Hall	Ch.CC., Ind.BCU	Next year
E. E. McLellan	CCC.	This year
J. Spuhler	CCC, MCC, CF.	Next year
H. G. Bruce	RMCC, Ind.BCU.	This year
R. F. Tyas	CCC.	Next year
<i>Co-opted Members:</i>		
A. Emus	RCC.	
J. W. Gould	LICC.	
H. Thelen	CF.	

2. NEW CLUBS IN 1960

26 New Clubs and 11 Associates joined the British Canoe Union. Five Clubs ceased their membership.

3. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Council has maintained friendly relations with numerous national bodies concerned with physical recreation. The BCU has co-operated with the CCPR and given assistance to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee. Two further schemes for the encouragement and training of young canoeists have emerged during the year and one of these is already fully organised.

A coaching scheme has been launched, the object of which is to establish a panel of trained canoeing coaches competent to teach canoeing, the skills contained in a syllabus approved by the BCU Proficiency Committee. This syllabus is designed to prepare candidates for the BCU Proficiency Award. Training courses have been held in various parts of Britain and more are to follow in 1961. Those who wish will be invited to present themselves for an examination for the Coaching Award. It is the intention of the Committee to develop the scheme to include an Advanced Award for general canoeing and Specialised Awards for slalom and racing.

The second scheme, still under discussion, is the formation of a corps of Canoe Life Guards. This promises to be an important development of great value.

During the year the Union had discussions with British Waterways about the effect on canoes of a new system of charges for pleasure craft on canals

that came into operation in January, 1960. We are glad to report that British Waterways agreed to introduce a special weekly period licence, without use of locks, valid all over Great Britain, for 7/6d.

4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The work of our President on the International Canoe Federation (ICF) has continued. As a member of the ICF Board and Slalom Committee he has given valuable assistance to the cause of canoeing in Europe.

5. RACING

The 1960 season was one of intense activity for the Paddling Racing Committee faced with the task of selecting an Olympic team. The policy adopted in the previous season of sending as large a team as possible to the European Championships so as to give potential Olympic paddlers experience against foreign competition had been followed up by the appointment of area coaches to supervise winter training and by the launching of an appeal for an Olympic Training Fund. The response to this appeal was highly satisfactory.

The Olympic probables chosen after trials in May and June competed in an international regatta against Germany and Poland at Duisburg on 18/19th June. Final trials took place on the River Lea at Edmonton on 25th June and the whole Olympic team were sent to an international regatta in Berlin on 23rd/24th July.

These fixtures were interspersed with the established regatta programme—Willesden Borough Regatta (Welsh Harp); North v. South match (Welsh Harp); Richmond CC regatta; Birmingham CC regatta; the various skiff club regattas; and the Serpentine regatta. This was a strenuous programme for the paddlers but it was equally so for the few hard-pressed officers of the Committee to whom it was a bitter blow to have to cancel the National Championships sprint regatta in mid-July owing to the lack of entries.

Despite this setback, however, the Olympic preparations were finally completed and the team departed for Rome in good time to become acclimatised to the heat. Their performance at the Olympic Games fully justified the faith of the Selectors. Of the four events in which we competed only in one (the K2 men) did our entries fail to reach the semi-finals. Our sole entry in the women's events was eliminated in the semi-final. The relay team failed by only 2½ seconds to qualify for the final. In the men's K1 event a British paddler not only reached an Olympic final for the first time in the Union's history, but, by producing his best time ever, secured fifth place, thereby qualifying for an Olympic diploma.

The 10,000 metres National Championships held at Teddington on 8th/9th October attracted a good junior entry which augurs well for the future of the sport. The Committee trust that the senior paddlers will pass on to these juniors the skill and experience they have gained from international competition so that the constant improvement in standards, which has been so evident in recent years, will be maintained in the future.

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the stamina building value of LD events, and these races are now used by them as a useful activity in their training.

As evidence of the prosperity of the sport, it is interesting to note that for the 8 LD Ranking Races, nearly 600 entries from 34 different clubs were received. The Leamington Spa event attracted over 100 entries, while both Worcester and Bedford St. Neots had more than 90 each. In addition there were many non-ranking events held up and down the country throughout the summer months.

Once again the Royal Leamington Spa CC has won the Hasler Trophy, with Richmond CC and the Canoe Touring Club in 2nd and 3rd places.

The Sella river race in Spain, in which 17 nations competed, was difficult and exciting in a swollen river which caused many capsize and wrecked boats. One of our pairs finished 22nd and one 38th out of a total entry of 98.

7. SLALOM

Our season started in March with a training and discussion weekend at Bisham Abbey. Besides the practical periods held on the river, novices to slalom were given many lectures on rules, course design, technique, river lore and many other allied subjects. For the experts a new system of informal discussions, in lieu of lectures, was tried.

Easter was marred by the death of Paul Farrant, a loss that was felt abroad as well as at home, for at Anseremme, competitors from the competing nations showed their respect by silence in memory of the reigning champion.

The British slalom team at this event again put up a performance of the standard that the rest of the world now expect of them. Ian Carmichael achieved second place in the F1 class and the British 'B' team had the best score in the team events.

In June the BCU were hosts to the FFCK slalom team. As this was the first BCU organised international slalom to be held in Great Britain, naturally the meeting was viewed with a little apprehension, but resulted in one of the season's highlights. Although the BCU were victorious on this occasion the return match in France next year promises to be more difficult when our hosts have the advantage of their own water.

On the competitive side at home, slalom this year has tended to be tougher than normal: in view of the World Championships next year, all but one of this seasons slaloms have been held on river courses. The standard of slalom has dropped below that of 1959; possibly as this is not a World Championship year our competitors have taken life a little more easily. But whatever the reason, a good deal more serious training must be undertaken if Paul Farrant's successor is to be British.

8. SAILING

The ICF Congress in Rome adopted a proposal that European and World Championships in Canoe Sailing be instituted and the BCU was invited to organise the first Championships at Hayling Island at the end of August, 1961.

9. TOURING AT HOME

Easter 1960 fell in the middle of April and the orchards in the vale of Evesham were white with blossom for the Union's traditional Easter Meet on the Stratford Avon. In general the weather was good, with a sharp frost at night on the Friday and Saturday. There were 55 canoeists from eight or nine clubs who greatly enjoyed the weekend's run from Leamington to Eckington Bridge. One or two continued for another day to Tewkesbury. The Royal Leamington Spa Canoe Club deserve our gratitude for admirable local organisation, and the water conditions were good enough for some canoeists to shoot a fair proportion of weirs.

A Whitsun Meet, planned for the Hampshire Avon, was found to be impossible, and was replaced by an informal trip by about a dozen canoeists on the middle Thames, Goring to Bray. This part of the Thames seems, like the Wye, always to be better than one's expectations: though well known, the scenery never loses its beauty and ability to charm.

For the rest, we can only report that touring continued in spite of the poor summer. Though we cannot quote individual cruises, we know that it remained the main interest of the majority of our members. We regret that there have again been objections by landowners to canoeing on the Dee and the Usk. Their attitude has, we are sorry to say, not been made more sympathetic by parties that have attempted to pass down the stretches in question without permission. The Council must emphasise that there can be no hope of persuading landowners to permit some canoeing whilst there are occurrences of this kind, and they appeal to all club members to abide by the wishes of the owners where permission is sought but refused and to seek advice beforehand from the BCU Touring Committee in relation to those rivers where objections are known to have been raised. We are bound to take a serious view of discourtesy to owners and reckless disregard of their wishes which can only bring the sport of canoeing into disrepute.

10. TOURING ABROAD

As usual the majority of members canoeing abroad went to France, Germany or Austria, but some undertook more original cruises in Scandinavia or Italy. There was an increase in the number of inquiries from school or junior clubs who wished to tour abroad; a large number of these wished to hire canoes, which is not normally possible. The most original inquiry was from someone who wished to canoe the Danube from source to mouth.

11. FILM LIBRARY

Now that the whole of the BCU Film Library is handled by the British Film Institute the films in it are seen by an ever increasing public. The bookings for the films have over the last year gone up by 42%. New films have been introduced, and some more are contemplated. The Library is always interested in further additions and the Council will be glad to hear from anyone who has such films available.

12. PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Since the CCPR has accepted the Union's Elementary Test for their own courses on canoeing, the Test has become well known and is now widely adopted. Over seventy persons have taken it this summer.

A Syllabus for an Advanced Test, in both kayaks and Canadian canoes, was published during the summer.

The Committee has been much concerned over safety, and two leaflets are in the course of preparation on this subject, both of which will be available for general distribution.

13. NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANISATION

The Youth Officer scheme of the BCU has now been in action for a year. During this period twelve Youth Officers have been appointed, covering a large portion of England and South Wales. Reports show that these Y.O's have co-operated with Local Education Authorities, with the CCPR and with Youth Organisations, such as the Boys' Brigade and Boy Scouts, in running courses on their own and have examined candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh's award and for Scout badges. Large numbers of letters, asking every possible kind of canoeing question, have been received and, we hope, answered reasonably. If we have done even a little to encourage youth to take up canoeing, to start aright, we have justified the launching of the scheme.

14. PUBLICATIONS AND SALES

This year the Council created a new committee to deal with all publications and stocks. This committee has met frequently during the year; its chief concern was the preparation of a new edition of the "*Guide to British Waterways*", which is now on the verge of publication. It has also revised the pamphlets and added to their number; they will in future be printed, and bound with an attractive new cover. The leaflet "*Come Canoeing with the B.C.U.*" has been reprinted and a series of instruction leaflets is being prepared to ease the burden of correspondence on BCU officials.

Canoeing in Britain has appeared quarterly during 1960 and has continued to dispense useful information to members.

Sales have been relatively successful during the year, although the stock of guides ran out early in the year. The cloth badges for track suits have sold very well, as have ties, badges and pennants. A silver wire badge for blazers is now available and is proving very popular.

15. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We wish to thank the retiring members of the Council for their valuable services during the year: Miss E. E. McLellan, Dr. M. Gillies, Messrs. J. A. Bright, O. J. Cock and G. Swettenham.

Further thanks go to the CCPR for their continued help in the development of our sport, to the News of the World for their organisation of the Serpentine Regatta, the many clubs and individuals who contributed generously to the BCU Olympic Training Fund and to British Visqueen for supplying polythene for wrapping canoes for transport to the Olympic Games in Rome.

On behalf of the Council of the BCU,

R. W. BAKER,
Hon. Secretary.

Racing Notes

We stated in the last issue of "Canoeing in Britain" that the efforts made in the Olympic year would be wasted if they were not made part of a long-term programme. The comparatively high standards obtained have been achieved only by concentrating the Paddling Racing Committee's efforts on the senior paddlers. This concentration on international racing meant that too little time could be devoted on developing the sport on a truly national basis. Racing needs to be put on a broader base and made more regionalised so that it will no longer be necessary for paddlers to have to travel 100 miles or more to attend top class regattas. Though it is pleasant to note that a number of juniors seem to come along in some of the Thames valley clubs, one wonders why so few of the youngsters who are enthusiastic enough to build canoes at schools, boys' clubs etc. fail to retain this interest long enough to join canoe clubs and take up racing.

The Paddling Racing Committee discussed the whole problem at one of its last meetings and agreed in principle on the following measures to be adopted:

1. Closer contact should be established between the Committee and the racing fraternity by direct communication. To this end a register of racing paddlers should be established and all racing craft registered with the Committee.

2. There should be a direct postal distribution of entry forms, racing information etc. to registered paddlers particularly in clubs with only the odd racing member.

3. A racing newsletter should be published with up-to-date information on training methods, boat specifications, international regatta results etc. and distributed to registered paddlers.

4. Sources of potential racing paddlers, e.g. schools, youth clubs etc. should be tapped. Help should be given to such bodies in the organisation of competitions in suitable craft with the object of developing competitive canoeing.

5. More publicity is to be given to a suitable one-design craft as the NCK class.

6. A basic paddling technique, based on recent years' international experience, is to be taught.

7. Efforts should be made to show the flag as often as possible in areas outside the Thames Valley on the lines of the successful training weekends which were held at Bedford and Bradford-on-Avon in 1960.

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Richmond Canoe Club has been awarded the Light Craft Trophy for the year 1960. The *Dexter Trophy* for the most meritorious performance in the National Championships by a paddler who has not been previously placed, has been awarded to *D. Shankland* of Llandaff Canoe Club. *B. Stenton* and *D. Stenton* of Royal Canoe Club have been promoted to senior status.

The fixture list for 1961 has not yet been finalised, but the following dates have been provisionally fixed:

- July 1-2: Birmingham CC Regatta.
- July 15: Royal CC Regatta.
- August 11-12: Serpentine Regatta.
- August 13: Paddling Challenge Cup Race.

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The European Championships will be held August 17—20th in Poznan in Poland, but owing to the very limited resources and the small number of senior paddlers available the Paddling Racing Committee has decided that there can be no question of sending paddlers to Poznan merely to gain international experience and a team will only be sent if, by known results, they can be expected to reach the finals in their events.

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The venue for the traditional Easter Training Course has not yet been fixed. The dates are March 31st—April 3rd, and inquiries should be sent to A. L. Todd, 47 Knightswood Crescent, New Malden, Surrey. The course will take the form of a general fitness course for senior, junior and novice paddlers alike. The number will be limited to 25 participants.

Tightening up of Slalom Organisation

In view of the still growing number of slaloms and slalom competitors, the BCU Slalom Committee has decided to revise the present divisional system and also to tighten up on the whole organisation of slaloms.

From the 1961 season onwards there will be four instead of the present three divisions. The present Third Division will be split up into a Third and a Fourth Division. In the new Fourth Division will be all competitors who during the past season gained two points or less. Those with three points or more as well as all those relegated from the Second Division will form the new Third Division.

First and Second Division slaloms will not be held on the same dates as Third and Fourth Division slaloms. The number of First and Second Division slaloms will be limited to five, and the number of Third and Fourth Division slaloms is at the discretion of the Slalom Committee.

The method of computing the ranking list will be the same for each of the four divisions and is based on that which has been used for the First Division for the last two seasons. In order to keep the ranking list up-to-date, slalom organisers must furnish the Committee with the results within 30 days of the event. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from holding future slaloms.

In future slaloms will not be cancelled except in most extenuating circumstances, and in order to enable organisers to achieve this object, entries must be received not later than on the Monday preceding the event—except for Fourth Division slaloms for which entries, at the discretion of the organisers, can be made on the day. No entries will be accepted without the

appropriate fee. Late entries will be only accepted on payment of the double entry fee. In order to augment the Committee's funds, an additional shilling will be charged on all entry fees for Ranking Slaloms. The proceeds will be used to assist international teams and to improve the slalom equipment.

The 1961 Slalom dates have been fixed as follows:

March 12	Slalom Training Course at Hammerbank. CCPR, Manchester.
April 2	Scottish Open slalom (1st & 2nd—non-ranking—and 3rd & 4th division).
April 16	Lune Slalom (1st & 2nd Division).
April 23	Dinkley slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
May 7	Llangollen slalom (1st & 2nd Division).
May 21	Tay slalom (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Division).
May 28	Newark slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
June 4	Shepperton slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
June 11	International slalom at Goumois, France.
June 18	Dinkley slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
July 9	Severn-Vyrnwy slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
July 16	Marsh Lock slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
July 22-23	Slalom World Championships.
July 26	Wild Water World Championships.
August 20	Marsh Lock slalom (1st & 2nd Division).
August 27	Newark slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
September 3	Lakeland slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
September 10	Marsh Lock slalom (3rd & 4th Division).
September 17	Builth slalom (1st & 2nd Division).
October 15	Swarkestone slalom (3rd & 4th Division).

All entries must be made on a new standard entry form. Supplies of these can be obtained from the club slalom representatives or the secretary of the BCU Slalom Committee.

The Leven Wild Water Test will be held on the following dates: February 26th, April 9th, May 14th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 13th, September 3rd, October 1st and 29th.

Growing Interest in LD Racing

The strong and growing interest in and enthusiasm for Long Distance Racing has continued in 1960. The National Singles Long Distance Champion for 1960 is *D. Shankland* of Llandaff CC. Among the notable races which he has won, is the crossing of the Bristol Channel under most difficult conditions.

The National Doubles Champions are *R. Payne* and *Y. Allen* of the 22nd SAS Regiment.

The National Junior Champion is *G. Downing* of Wolverhampton CC.

The Hasler Trophy for which 32 clubs competed, was won for the second year running by *Royal Leamington CC*.

The LD Committee has decided to discontinue the handicap system and to confine racing to defined classes as follows:

Class 1	Seniors	K1 (International class according to ICF specifications).
Class 2	Seniors	NCK 1's.
Class 3A	Seniors	Hard skinned single kayaks with a maximum L.O.A. of 15 ft. and minimum beam of 23 ins.
3B	Juniors	
3C	Ladies	
Class 4A	Seniors	Folding and soft skinned single kayaks with a maximum I.O.A. of 15 ft. and minimum beam of 23 ins.
4B	Seniors	
4C	Ladies	
Class 5A	Seniors	Double kayaks (No limits to length or beam).
Class 6A	Seniors	Folding and soft skinned double kayaks with a maximum I.O.A. of 17 ft. 6 ins. and a minimum beam of 27 ins.
6B	Juniors	
6C	Ladies	
Class 7A	Seniors	Hard skinned double kayaks with a maximum I.O.A. of 17 ft. and a minimum beam of 27 ins.
7B	Juniors	
7C	Ladies	

No changes will be made in these classes or their measurements restrictions for a period of three years.

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A large number of races have been submitted for inclusion in the LD fixture list for 1961 and the following have been accepted as ranking races:

April 9	B10/P2	Leamington River Race.
	B12/P4	
April 30	B15/P2	CTC Race.
	B10/P2	Midland CC Race.
May 7	B18/P3	
	B10/P2	Worcester CC Race.
May 14	B19/P3	
	B12/P3	
June 11	B13/P10	Chelmer Race.
June 18	A10/B3	Poole Harbour Circuit Race.
	A3/B3	Tees Bay Race.
June 25	A3/B12	
July 2	A11	Birmingham CC Race.
July 9	B11/P5	Bath-Bradford Race.
August 17		Jubilee LD Race on Thames.
September 3	B11/P5	Soar River Race.

Symbol "A" represents an event held on sea, estuaries and large lakes. "B" stands for fresh water rivers and canals, "P" for portages. The figure represents the length of the course in miles and the number of portages respectively. It should be noted that all dates are subject to confirmation.

Other races which still require confirmation are: Bedford Race (April 24); Chester CC Race (May 28); Windermere Race (July 23); and the Exeter Race in September.

Fishing Rivers

This issue of "Canoeing in Britain" will come when clubs and individual members are thinking about their cruising plans for the 1961 season. On certain rivers there have been frequent objections from landowners or some of the landowners and fishing tenants have made it clear that they expect to be asked in advance for permission. The BCU Touring Committee asks clubs to notify the Touring Secretary or one of the two persons named below as early as possible in January if they are thinking of arranging a trip on any of the following rivers during the 1961 season:

River

Dee, Eden, Lune, Ribble, Wharfe, Ure,
Derbyshire Yye and Derwent

Please write to:

Derek Berry, 23 Windsor Road,
Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10.

Upper Wye (above Glasbury), Usk, Teme, Bryan Harrison, The Bean House,
Monnow
Cradley, near Malvern, Worcs.

The Touring Committee will meet on January 28th, 1961, to discuss how proposed trips can best be fitted in, advise whether particular dates or rivers should be avoided altogether and suggest joint arrangements if appropriate.

All clubs are entitled to send a representative to the Touring Committee. The arrangements made at this meeting will govern the advice given to later enquirers about rivers. It may well happen that a landowner will only agree to one or two parties during the season. So if you wish to make sure that you are not asked later on to cancel a proposed trip, please draw up the provisional programme now and get in touch with the Union.

Clubs and individuals are expected to abide by the advice given by the Touring Committee and their nominated advisers. Last season this did not always happen, and the Union has had complaints of canoeists going down stretches of these rivers when consent to pass had been refused or without asking for consent. This kind of action only makes matters worse for everyone, and the Union strongly disapproves of it.

On the *Welsh Dee*, the landowner between Cynwyd and a short distance below Carrog Bridge has made it known that he will not consent to canoeing during the spring and summer, and there have recently been more refusals from the owner of the fishing on a stretch below Llangollen. Further details available from Derek Berry.

From the Clubs

Oxford University Kayak Club report that the club is now finding its feet with a nucleus of keen members. They have their own clubhouse and are taking hulls from a glass fibre hull at the rate of one per week. Despite their defeat by Cambridge in the inter-varsity match on the Cam earlier this year, members have

acquitted themselves well in various events they have entered, and some completed a 200-mile cruise down the Rhone during the summer vacation.

There were 21 participants in the foreign cruise of the *Canoe Camping Club* on the Danube from Ulm to Linz in August. The successful trip will be long remembered for the

warmth of the hospitality extended by the clubs of the German Canoe Association (DKV). The 1961 cruise will be in Scotland, including Loch Lomond, Caledonian Canal and some sea canoeing.

Manchester CC's membership has dropped slightly during 1960, but the rise in the previous year followed an exhibition in the autumn of 1958. Since the club will be given another stand in this year's exhibition, another rise is expected for 1961. The club meets during the winter on Friday evenings at the New Islington Baths and continues its "mild" water races including touring meets for beginners. The next meets on the Bollin are on January 15 and March 5 and there is one on the Ribble on February 19. Further details from D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10.

Wolverhampton CC's winter programme includes fortnightly sessions with film shows, lectures and demon-

strations at Compton Grange as well as camping trips for junior members.

Birmingham CC have now a new clubhouse at Edgbaston Reservoir, jointly run with Birmingham Rowing Club. Plans are now going ahead for putting up a large permanent boat-house with all modern facilities like showers, changing rooms, committee rooms, bar, balcony—in one word: the lot.

A big worry to *Chelmsford Boating Club* in the past few months has been the receiving of a notice to quit the present club headquarters at Moulsham Mill. A further complication is the carrying out of a big flood prevention scheme by the Essex River Board which results in the only hundred-per-cent suitable alternative site not being available for about two years. However, the Chelmsford Town Council who are eventually to provide a new site have made available a temporary site and this should be in use by the beginning of the new season.

PAUL FARRANT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Council is disappointed that the appeal for donations to the fund for a Paul Farrant Memorial Trophy so far has found little response among clubs and members. It is hoped that before the end of 1960 sufficient funds would have been collected to put the plans for a design in hand, but these depend largely on the amount of money collected. We know that several clubs are considering to make a donation from club funds. Others may arrange for a special collection among their members—but whatever you intend to do to support this project, do it now. Oliver J. Cock, "Rivertrees", Wargrave Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, has offered to receive all donations.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1961 AGM will be held on Saturday, January 28th, at 5.30 p.m. in the Caxton Hall, St. James, London. We have not received the formal agenda, but we understand that in addition to the normal AGM business there is a proposal that the Union institute a new form of membership for canoe associations organised by local education authorities. This form of membership is to be on a block basis, not counting individual members, and the rights of membership are to be restricted to the three officers of the association: chairman, secretary and treasurer. The subscription rate is to be fixed at £33.0 per annum.

HOLIDAY TOUR AUGUST 1961

As one of the events to mark the Union's Silver Jubilee, provisional plans are being considered for a fortnight's canoe holiday tour between August 12 and 26, probably on Avon, Wye and Thames. The tour will be announced internationally and Continental canoeists will be invited. The

Council hopes that a large contingent of British canoeists will join the tour. Further details will be announced in the April issue of "Canoeing in Britain", but members are requested to keep this fortnight free for what promises to be an enjoyable cruise with an international "flavour".

Easter Meet 1961

Thursday March 30 - Monday April 3 1961

As a change from the half dozen well known rivers which in the past have been chosen in turn for the Easter Meet, we hope to arrange the 1961 meet on the river Lugg from near Leominster to the Wye, followed by about a day and a half on the Wye, finishing at or not far below Ross. The Lugg is a fairly narrow river, but should not prove too difficult for newcomers. There are two weirs, and one or two tricky places at old mills. The scenery is quite pleasant.

If it proves impossible to arrange, the meet will be transferred to the Wye.

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